

House Resolution No. 4007

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents whose significant contributions of time, energy, and visionary leadership help ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Dr. Bruce W. Speck of Joplin, Missouri, began new duties as President of Missouri Southern State University on February 2, 2008, after first having garnered twenty-five years of academic and administrative experience in the field of higher education; and

Whereas, Dr. Bruce Speck brings to the President's office at Missouri Southern State University a wealth of expertise derived from service as a Professor of English, Provost, and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee; and

Whereas, holder of a Doctor of Philosophy degree in English from the University of Nebraska, Dr. Bruce Speck also has worked in industry as a technical writer and served eighteen months in Vietnam; and

Whereas, Dr. Bruce Speck is the author or coauthor of twelve books, twenty-three book chapters, and forty-four articles and is the editor or coeditor of eleven volumes; and

Whereas, Dr. Bruce Speck is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Carmen, who was his high school sweetheart, and as the loving father of Heidi, who earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in philosophy from Arizona State University; Ryan, who is an ordained Presbyterian minister; and Rose-Marie, who teaches English in Korea; and

Whereas, Dr. Bruce Speck has enjoyed watching his family grow to include a wonderful daughter-in-law, Carolina, and three granddaughters:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Dr. Bruce Speck and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon his being named as President of Missouri Southern State University; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Bruce W. Speck of Joplin, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronald F. Richard
District No. 129

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4007, adopted September 2, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker